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**BY ECF**

Honorable Jed S. Rakoff  
U.S. District Judge  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

**Re: United States v. Cesar Altieri Sayoc  
18 Cr. 820 (JSR)**

Dear Judge Rakoff:

The defense respectfully submits this letter in response to the Court's April 5, 2019 order. At this time, the Federal Defenders is not seeking to withdraw as counsel or requesting that Mr. Sayoc's plea be vacated. The defense agrees, however, that CJA counsel should be appointed for the limited purpose of counseling Mr. Sayoc on any possible conflicts of interest and on the issues raised in his letters to the Court.

Respectfully submitted,

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